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SENATE BILL 138

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING FOR A CORE CURRICULUM
FRAMEWORK FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE SIX; PROVIDING FOR
GRANTS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Article 13 of the Public
School Code is enacted to read:

"NEW MATERIAL CORE CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK-- PURPOSE--
CURRICULUM --

A. School districts and charter schools may create
core curriculum frameworks to provide high quality curricula in
kindergarten through grade six to prepare students for pre-
advanced placement and advanced placement coursework in grades
seven through twelve.

B. The framework shall include:

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1 (1) a curriculum that is aligned with state
2 academic content and performance standards that is challenging,
3 specific as to content and sequential from grade to grade,
4 similar to a core curriculum sequence;

5 (2) in-depth professional development for
6 teachers that includes vertical teaming in content areas; and

7 (3) content, materials and instructional
8 strategies or methodologies that current research demonstrates
9 are likely to lead to improved student achievement in pre-
10 advanced placement and advanced placement coursework in grades
11 seven through twelve.

12 C. The framework may be selected from previously
13 developed curricula or may be developed by the school district
14 or charter school.

15 D. A school district or charter school that meets
16 department eligibility requirements may apply to the department
17 for support of its core curriculum framework. Applications
18 shall be in the form prescribed by the department and shall
19 include the following information:

- 20 (1) a statement of need;
- 21 (2) goals and expected outcomes of the
22 framework;
- 23 (3) a detailed description of the curriculum
24 to be implemented;
- 25 (4) a detailed work plan and budget for the

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1 framework;

2 (5) documentation of the research upon which
3 the anticipated success of the framework is based;

4 (6) a description of any partnership proposed
5 to implement the framework, supported by letters of commitment
6 from the partner;

7 (7) an evaluation plan; and

8 (8) any other information that the department
9 requires.

10 E. The department shall award grants within ninety
11 days of the deadline for receipt of grant applications.

12 F. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules
13 to implement the provisions of this section."

14 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Four hundred thousand dollars
15 (\$400,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public
16 education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2006 to
17 provide grants to school districts that propose to implement
18 core curriculum frameworks. Any unexpended or unencumbered
19 balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to
20 the general fund.